PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION.

Saturday the 30th July 1938/15th Karkatakam 1113.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Elevan of the clock, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar K. C. I. E., the Dewan-President presiding.

MEMBER SWORN.

The following new members took the oath and signed the rolls.

Vastuvidyakusala C. Balakrishna Rao B. A., B. E., (*Water Works and Drainage Engineer to Government.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Conviction of Mr. A. Narayana Pillai.

179. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it was not for sedition that Mr. A. Narayana Pillai, Advocate of the Travancore High Court, was recently punished;

(*b*) whether any comfort and convenience were allowed to him over and above those given to ordinary prisoners; and

(*c*) the nature of the comfort and convenience allowed to him?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A. Narayana Pillai was convicted under Sections 117 and 145 A of the Travancore Penal Code.

(*b*) & (*c*) He is an ordinary prisoner and is treated as such.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Town*): May I know whether there are prisoners other than ordinary, and if so, who such prisoners are?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The convicting Magistrate may order special treatment being accorded in the Jail to conivcts; such convicts may be described as prisoners other than ordinary.

Mr. A. Narayana Pillai in Central Prison.

180. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. A. Sankara Pillai B. A., B. L., Advocate, sought permission to see his brother Mr. A. Narayana Pillai in the Central Prison;

(*b*) whether he was allowed;

(*c*) if not, why permission refused;

(*d*) who refused;

(*e*) whether he petitioned to the Chief Secretary about the refusal, seeking permission; and

(*f*) whether the Government have given instructions to the Central Prison authorities, not to allow any visitors or relatives of Mr. A. Narayana Pillai?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Permission was refused because the application was premature under the Rules.

(*d*) The Superintendent of Central Prison.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: When was the application made by Mr. Sankara Pillai for permission to see Mr. A. Narayana Pillai?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Application to whom, may I know?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I am referring to the application dealt with in part (*c*) of the answer.

PRESIDENT: Honourable member wishes to know the date of that application?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I am sorry, Sir, that I am not now in a position to give the exact date; but I may inform the honourable member that it was before the 12th of May 1938.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know why the application was considered premature?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I may invite the attention of the honourable member to the Jail Rules relating to interviews with prisoners.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: It is with reference to such rules that I want to know the date on which Mr. Narayana Pillai entered the jail and the date on which Mr. Sankara Pillai applied for permission to interview him.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: As I have already stated, I am not in a position to give the dates, but I may say that, when the application was made by Mr. Sankara Pillai, three months had not elapsed since Mr. Narayana Pillai went to the jail.

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